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Light-weight Wool Suits, in Serges and Panamas, up-to-date styles, were up to \$17.75, now **\$7.50**

Lightweight Wool Suits, in Shepherd's Plaids and Panamas; were up to \$23.50—now **\$10.00**

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Daily at 5 P. M.
Saturdays
at 1 P. M.

OYSTER SURVEY NOT ABANDONED

Fish Commission Declares That Government Boat Went Away to Get Supplies.

NEW LAW IS BADLY NEEDED

Expert Shows Output Will Increase Fourfold by Opening Barren Bottoms.

According to a statement made yesterday by the United States Fish and Fisheries Commission, the government has not abandoned the work of making a new survey of oyster beds in James River, the steamer Fish Hawk, delegated for that purpose, having gone in for supplies. The work will be carried on as originally planned until the survey is complete.

S. Wilkins Matthews, secretary of the State Board of Fisheries, who was in Richmond on Wednesday, and who announced that the Fish Hawk was not at work, had just returned from Washington, where, as stated, he was unable to get any information on the oyster survey subject.

Need New Law, He Says. Deputy Commissioner of Fish, who is in charge of the Washington office in the absence of Commissioner Bowers, head of the commission, said yesterday that the output of Virginia oyster beds ought to reach four times the present amount if the State should enact a law which would open the barren bottoms.

"The survey work in Virginia," said Dr. Smith, "was undertaken at the instance of the Governor and the State Fisheries Board, and will be kept up all summer under the direction of Dr. Moore. A survey for the purpose of determining the condition of the natural oyster beds in the James River is being made. It will be in the nature of a model survey to demonstrate the new barren bottom for oyster planting."

"The only survey of its oyster lands Virginia has had was the one made by Colonel Baylor many years ago, and conditions no doubt have changed very much in that time. There are many people who would have the lines of the Baylor survey stand, although they are very antiquated. The fact is, these lines are retarding oyster culture in Virginia, and making the early exhaustion of the natural grounds more certain."

Great Natural Advantages. "Oyster culture under the direction of our department has been very successful," continued Dr. Smith, "and has added to the revenues of the State. The output of the State is about \$5,000,000, and there is no reason why it should not be four times that amount, if the State will enact a law that will open up the barren bottoms."

Under the present law, the Union with better natural advantages for oyster culture than Virginia, and none that should exceed its production. The grounds, in the course of time, unless a change will be made, will be depleted.

Candidates Hard at It. Harry St. George Tucker, one of the candidates for Governor, spoke in South Boston last night. He is billed to appear in Lynchburg to-night. Judge Mann will follow Mr. Tucker at South Boston to-night, returning here to-morrow. Both candidates have engagements for nearly every day until the contest is over.

Trash Heap on Fire. A blaze in a trash heap on North Fifth Street caused an alarm of fire to be turned in yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. There was no fire to extinguish when the firemen arrived.

Mr. Willis a Caller. J. M. Willis, superintendent of schools of Elizabeth City county, was here yesterday. Mr. Willis was in the Department of Education for some time in conference with State Superintendent Eggleston.

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ONLY ONE BALLOT IN STATE PRIMARY

Chairman Ellyson Rules That All Names Must Appear on Same Ticket.

WILL SIMPLIFY MATTERS

Vote from Country Precincts May Not Reach Here Until Late on Primary Night.

Under a ruling of State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson, there will be but one ticket voted for State officers and members of the House of Delegates in the various counties and cities in the August primary.

This will simplify matters to a great extent, in that it will avoid confusion among the voters, and at the same time facilitates the counting of the ballots. The State chairman has sent to the various county and city committees a form of the State ticket, indicating in what order the names must appear on the ballots. The printing will be done under the supervision of the local committees, the names of the local candidates being added in each instance to the form sent out by the chief officer of the State Committee.

The ticket in this city will be a long one. It will contain about twenty-two names on an average in the different wards. The number will vary according to how many men are running for the City Democratic Committee. In some wards there are five, in others seven, and in one there are only three. It looks now as if the official returns from some of the districts will not be in before late in the morning, as was the case at the municipal primary held here on June 24. The same experience was had in the State primary four years ago, when it was nearly daybreak before the last precinct reported. It is a fact worthy of mention that Marshall and Clay wards are always the last to report in primary elections, while those lying in the interior usually come in early.

MERCHANTS HAVE BIG TIME

Retail Association Has Business Meeting and Banquet at Elks' Home.

The quarterly meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association of Richmond was held at the Elks' Home last night, after which a banquet was given, with eleven members present.

T. A. Miller, president of the association, presided at both the business meeting and the banquet. One general meeting every three months. On these occasions banquets are always given. Frequent sessions are held from time to time by the members of the association for the purpose of discussing questions relating to the promotion of business in each particular line.

It was stated by Secretary W. A. Clarke, Jr., last night that the association is in a most prosperous condition. The association has a list of members of renewed interest on the part of members.

Examinations for Certificates. Examinations for teachers' certificates in the first, second and third grades, will be held at the old High School building on July 29, 30 and 31, opening each day at 9 A. M. The examinations will be jointly conducted by Superintendent Chandler, of the Richmond city schools, and Superintendent Maddox, of the Henrico schools, and will apply to professional certificates, as well as the first grades, both in the city and county.

Qualifications in Chancery. Everett H. Wilkinson qualified yesterday as administrator of the estate of Lee A. Wilkinson. The estate is valued at \$5,100.

M. W. Meredith qualified as administratrix of the estate of Marion Jackson Meredith. The estate is valued at \$1,250.

George T. Hockaway qualified as administrator of the estate of Louis Hockaday. The estate is valued at \$450.

No Court Yesterday. There was no session of the United States District Court yesterday. Judge Waddill spent the greater portion of the day in his office, examining papers in some important cases that are pending before him.

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Now buys hundreds of our finest Suits which originally sold up to \$30.

Cheviot, Worsted, Black Thibet and even some Blue Serge Suits are included in this stupendous reduction sale.

Suits That Sold Up to \$30, Choice Now \$14.75.

Knox Straw Hats, Now \$2.50

Every Knox Straw Hat in the house is included in this sale and every other straw hat is reduced in price.

\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 Trousers. Reduced to \$2.75

Plenty of them in all desirable shades and patterns and in all sizes.

Gans-Rady Company

'PHONE MANAGERS MEET HERE TO-DAY

Officials of Bell Company Hold Conference With Virginia Representatives.

Exchange managers from a number of cities in Virginia will be here for a conference to-day with officials of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, one of the matters to receive special consideration being the development of rural lines.

J. R. A. Hobson, general commercial superintendent, and W. H. Adkins, general contract agent of the company, arrived in the city yesterday from Atlanta. J. W. Crews, general commercial superintendent, of Richmond, and Manager A. S. Tanner, of the local exchange, will meet the managers in conference to-day. Those who will attend are:

L. Jack Oliver, Norfolk; H. L. Hudgins, Portsmouth; W. B. Ferguson, Suffolk; R. M. McCandlish, Hampton; E. M. Taylor, Lynchburg; O. E. Eanes, Danville; J. B. Jones, Bedford City; Wytne White, Alexandria; J. S. Early, Fredericksburg; I. C. Hale, Pearisburg; J. F. Payne, Williamsburg.

Manager Tanner said yesterday that there had been a marked improvement in the local service since subscribers began calling the exchange prefix along with the number desired. There are some kinks yet to be taken out, although conditions are better.

RUN OVER BY WAGON

Willie Brown, a Young White Man, Dangerously Wounded.

Willie Brown, a young white man about twenty-five years of age, living at 3202 West Cary Street, met with a serious accident yesterday evening about 8:30 o'clock, when a wagon ran over him at the corner of Cary Street and the Boulevard, near his home. The name of the driver of the wagon is not known.

The city ambulance, in charge of Dr. Womack, was called, and young Brown was found to have several ugly wounds in his head, one quite a deep gash, while a part of his left ear was gone. He was hurried to the City Hospital for treatment, and at a late hour last night his condition was said to be improving, though hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

The police are looking for the driver of the wagon.

DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Interesting and Instructive Addresses by Prominent Clergymen and Laymen.

After a three days' session the 16th annual convention of the Dover Baptist Association adjourned yesterday at Dover Mines, where it met with the Dover Baptist Church. The meeting was marked by interesting and instructive addresses by prominent clergymen and laymen, who were present from all sections of Virginia. The convention was unusually well attended.

Reports showed the churches of the organization to be in a flourishing financial condition, and this is especially true of those in Richmond. The meeting was opened on Tuesday with a sermon by Rev. William C. James, of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond. A deep impression was made by Dr. James, and a resolution adopted by the body provides that the address be prepared for publication.

On the subject of the education of the rising generation admirable addresses were made by Drs. Ramsay, Boatwright and Hatcher.

One of the most interesting discourses delivered before the convention was that of Rev. Mr. McDaniel, missionary at Sou Chou, China. Mr. McDaniel is one of the youngest ministers in the foreign field, and his talk upon the work of the missions met with the thorough appreciation of the assembly.

Foreign missions were also discussed by Rev. Robert J. Willingham, D. D., of Richmond, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. A. Gary, of Gwathmey, and Dr. Livius Lankford, of Norfolk, presented the work done by the laymen of the church during the past year. All of the officers were re-elected, including Moderator J. B. Wood, of Richmond.

The next convention of the association will be held June 20, 21 and 22, 1910, at Ashland, with the Ashland Baptist Church.

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Phone 2734 or call and ask for our Club Plan of Tuning Contract.

Whether you go away or not this summer, arrange to have your piano repaired, stored free and delivered when you say.

The cost is reduced to the lowest point by the mechanical facilities and expert workmen at Richmond's newest factory hospital for repairing, overhauling, remodeling and thoroughly renovating sick pianos of any make.

Cable Piano Company,

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FORD'S HOTEL LOT COSTS TOO MUCH

Battle Abbey Committee Recommends Site at Monument Avenue and the Boulevard.

After reviewing all the sites proposed, and hearing a number of letters and suggestions, the subcommittee on Battle Abbey site, from the Grounds and Buildings Committee, yesterday afternoon recommended to the full committee the lot belonging to John P. Branch at the southeast corner of the Boulevard and Monument Avenue, on which the Battle Abbey trustees at one time held an option, but on which it was reported at that time that the owner was inclined to make a number of restrictions of a nature to which the city of Richmond as a party to the purchase, could not consent. These objections, it is believed, will now be waived, and the title pass to the trustees of the Confederate memorial institute in fee simple, the only condition being the contract with the city to the effect that if the Battle Abbey is not built, or it is not continuously used as a Confederate memorial, the lot reverts to the city.

The committee has held several sessions and has made an automobile tour of the West End. A letter suggesting the Ford's Hotel lot was duly considered and inquired into, but the cost was found to be prohibitive, and the recommendation of the location at Monument Avenue and the Boulevard was unanimous.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS SOLDIERS

All Arms of the Service Opened for Recruits.

All arms of the United States military service have now been opened for recruits, and when this fact was made known yesterday by Major William A. Miller, retired, in charge of the recruiting station here, applicants for enlistment rapidly increased, though on account of physical defects many have been rejected.

In speaking of the opening of the army for recruits, Major Miller said that he believes Uncle Sam is in need of men to the ranks, and that he has been depleted by the expiration of the terms of enlistment of many soldiers. It was only recently that the field and coast artillery called for recruits and at the Richmond recruiting station many men have been sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y., to be assigned to these branches. But now that the cavalry, infantry, hospital and signal corps have been opened there is no doubt that Richmond and vicinity will supply the government with a large number of desirable "troopers."

SENT TO THE ROADS

Two Richmond Negroes, Indicted for Malicious Wounding, Convicted.

Clifford Johnson, colored, aged seventeen years, indicted for the malicious wounding of G. G. Taylor, a street car conductor, at the corner of Seventh and Main Streets, pleaded not guilty in the Hustings Court yesterday. After hearing the evidence the jury found a verdict of guilty, fixing his term at three years in the penitentiary in lieu of which Judge Witt sentenced him to three years on the public roads.

Henry Smith, colored, indicted for malicious wounding on two counts, also pleaded not guilty. The jury tried him on the first count, found a verdict of guilty, and fixed his sentence at two years in the penitentiary, in lieu of which he was sent to the roads for that length of time. The second indictment was dropped.

Building Permits. Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: Dr. J. D. Wood, to erect a brick tenement, two stories, on the south side of Main Street, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, to cost \$5,000. H. L. Matthews is the contractor.

W. J. Gilman, to erect a two-story brick residence on the north side of Grace Street, between Meadow and Allison Streets, to cost \$5,500. J. J. Tignor, contractor.

Mary Lou Jenkins, to repair and remodel a brick dwelling, 500 West Grace Street, to cost \$3,200.

City Committee, To-Night. The City Democratic Committee will meet at Murphy's Hotel at 8 o'clock to-night for the purpose of completing arrangements for the legislative primary, which will take place on August 5. The judges and clerks will be named at this meeting.

DISCUSSING PLAN FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Committee Instructs Clerk to Prepare Complete Report of Work Being Done.

Plans for the municipal playgrounds were discussed in detail by a subcommittee from the Grounds and Buildings Committee last night. Chairman Don Leavy instructed the clerk of the committee to prepare for the next meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee a complete report of the work of the playgrounds up to this time, including expenditures and the number of children in attendance.

The committee now has two full-fledged playgrounds in daily operation, though neither is as yet fully equipped. One is on Williamsburg Avenue, in Fulton, and one, for colored children, on Moore Street. In each there are sand boxes, swings and other equipment, which is being added to from time to time, the committee last night ordering drawings and several other attractions for the Fulton grounds.

Besides these two, three playgrounds have been opened in yards of public schools, the committee furnishing \$100 each from the playground fund for equipment, the care and keeping being under the supervision of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs, making five playgrounds now in operation under city aid.

Reports showed that at the Fulton playground there were 136 children one day last week, when the court was taken, and 165 on Monday of this week, many of them being youngsters left in the charge of the caretaker by mothers. The Council having refused the use of the Seabrook Warehouse lot for a playground, and the option having expired on the lot on North Tenth Street, it is probable that the sums appropriated for the Jefferson and Madison Ward playgrounds will revert to the treasury, as other available lots have not been found.

TUCKER TO CLOSE CAMPAIGN HERE

Valley Candidate Will Speak in East and West Ends on the Night of August 3.

Those who are in charge of the local campaign of Harry St. George Tucker in this city, are preparing to make a whirlwind finish here, on the night of August 3, when Mr. Tucker is billed to deliver two speeches. One will be at the corner of Main and Clay streets, and the other at Belvidere Hall, in Clay Ward. Complete arrangements for these meetings have not yet been made, though the dates and places have been definitely fixed. Mr. Tucker made the opening speech of his campaign in Richmond at the Academy of Music in the early spring. Since that time he has been almost constantly on the stump in different sections of the State, having covered a large majority of the counties and cities.

It is not known at this time who will preside at either of the Tucker rallies, though it was stated at the headquarters of the Valley candidate last night that there would be no trouble in securing popular leaders to wield the gavel.

The Richmond speeches will probably be the last Mr. Tucker will deliver in the campaign, as the voting will take place two days later. There is some talk of Judge Mann closing his campaign here, but up to this time, nothing has been given out from his headquarters on the subject. The finish between the two, which at one time was thought would be extremely tame, will probably turn out to be the hottest witnessed in any recent campaign in Virginia.

Men's Pants, ready to wear, all wool, made from remnants; worth \$3.50 to \$6, your choice of 500 pair for \$2.10. A. J. SINGER & SONS.

SWORE WOULD-BE BRIDE WAS OF AGE

Father Telegraphs She Is But Fifteen and License Is Refused

Sadie Jones.

Just as Deputy Clerk Breeden, of the Hustings Court, was putting the finishing touches on a marriage license yesterday morning, and had dipped his pen in the ink preparatory to signing his name, thus making the document complete, a messenger boy entered and presented the following telegram:

"To Register of Deeds, Richmond, Va.: 'Has Charles Trice license to marry Sadie Jones? She is fifteen years old. I object—her father. Wire at my expense.' (Signed)"

"JACOB J. JONES." To view of the telegram, Clerk Breeden refused to complete the signing of the license, and the prospective bridegroom left to search for a more accommodating office of license. Previous to writing the license the clerk had inquired as to the girl's age, and James Trice, who accompanied the would-be groom, made oath that Sadie B. Jones was twenty-one years of age, signing a written statement to that effect, which had been attested before the clerk of the court. Should the friends of the young woman maintain their statement that she is but fifteen, it may go hard with the friend who swore she was twenty-one. Meanwhile Clerk Breeden has wired the father that a license has been refused to the young man who wanted to marry Sadie Jones.

Dr. Hoeh Returns. Dr. Adolph G. Hoeh, head of the Pastour Institute of the Virginia Hospital, returned yesterday after a trip to Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Dunn to Leave Hospital. Miss Irene Dunn, of Highland Park, who has been ill at the Virginia Hospital of typhoid fever, has recovered and is expected to leave that institution to-day.

Louis McCook Recovering. Louis McCook, who sustained severe injuries last week in falling from a moving trolley car, was reported from the Virginia Hospital last night to be gradually recovering.

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SLEUTH WILL FIND HOW HIS BOY DIED

George Grandy, Son of Wealthy Contractor, Was Mysteriously Killed in Charlotte, N. C.

To employ a detective for the purpose of investigating the mysterious death of George Grandy, thirteen years old, of Charlotte, N. C., Charles Bruce Flournoy, a prominent business man of that city, visited Richmond yesterday. It is alleged that the boy, who was the son of a well-known contractor, met his death accidentally in a quarry house. The verdict of a coroner's jury, of which Mr. Flournoy was a member, brought in a verdict that death was accidental.

This decision was based chiefly on statements made by Richard Johns, ten years old, who is said to have been with young Grandy when he met his death. Johns is said to have gone home, and the statement is that he did not speak of the occurrence until after his companion's dead body had been removed to his former home. He said Grandy was caught in the machinery at the quarry house, and that he was whirled to his death over a fast revolving wheel. The nature of the wound was such that this theory is improbable, and the father is unwilling to accept it as a solution of the case. There were, it is alleged, no eyewitnesses to the tragedy.

It is more than probable that the local detective, who is connected with a private agency, will go to North Carolina to-day. Mr. Grandy, according to Mr. Flournoy's account, is determined to have the affair thoroughly investigated, and no expense will be spared. Young Grandy died from the effects of a blow on the side of the head. His skull was fractured and bones were driven into his brain.

SLIPS AWAY TO BEGIN IN STREETS

Tennessee Cripple Kept Under Lock and Key When Dr. Buchanan Heard About It.

No end of trouble is being caused the Associated Charities by Charlie Brown, the fourteen-year-old hunchback, who begged his way from his home in Rogersville, Tenn., to Richmond. The determined way he takes to handle the police by Rev. James Buchanan, superintendent of the association, and is now being held pending advice from his parents, but his begging proclivities have led him to slip from the central office of the association and ask alms from citizens of Richmond without the knowledge or consent of Dr. Buchanan or his assistants. Since the boy has been in the hands of the association he has been permitted to roam about the city, and when he slipped away for a couple of hours Wednesday afternoon he was not missed. However, he is now under lock and key, and will be kept confined until his parents are heard from.

When Charlie was asked what he had done with the money he had been given by charitable persons he declared he had given it away. Other than this he replied could be secured from him. He declares he does not wish to be sent home, having been driven away, according to his own story, by an irate stepmother. He announces that he wishes to go to Washington, but inasmuch as Dr. Buchanan has the lad's money—about \$10—it holds him.

Miss McComas Hurt. While riding on East Grace Street early yesterday morning, Miss Carroll McComas, who is playing a leading part with the F. C. Stock Company at the Academy of Music, sustained slight injuries, as the result of a fall by her horse. Her injuries consisted only of a sprained wrist, and she appeared at the theatre last night as usual.

DOCK CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

A. P. Parks, Former Almshouse Inmate, Found Floating at Foot of Twenty-Second Street.

Richmond's death trap, the dock, claimed another victim yesterday morning, either by accident or suicide, the body of A. P. Parks, a former inmate of the City Almshouse, being found floating in the dock at the foot of Twenty-second Street by two negroes shortly after 8 o'clock. Coroner Taylor made an inquiry on the spot, and had the body removed to an undertaking establishment for further examination. Parks left the City Home July 7. According to the records he was seventy-nine years old and had lived in Richmond eight years, formerly living in New York. He was in the Almshouse but a short time.

Coroner's investigation developed that he was last seen on the afternoon before his body was found, about 6:30 o'clock, at Dock Street, near Twenty-second. Joseph L. Ambrecht, in charge of paying work at the point, talked with him, and gave him a drink of water from the workmen's bucket. He had told friends that the reason of his leaving the Almshouse was that they would not wash his clothes.

Coroner Taylor said it was impossible to tell whether it had been a case of suicide or accidental drowning. The dock is entirely unprotected, and many a man on a dark night has taken a false step and walked into the water, meeting a sudden death. Coroner Taylor has asked the city for years to put a fence along this part of the dock, as he contends that the open dock is a menace to human life, which the city itself would not allow any one else to maintain.